## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

- 1. (currently amended) A closing device for sliding 1 portions of an article of furniture and comprising: 2 a container adapted to be fastened to a fixed or sliding 3 portion of the article of furniture; 4 a mechanical energy accumulator received in said con-5 6 tainer; an actuation member slidable in a guide of said con-7 8 tainer; a pulling member interacting with the actuation member, 9 the actuation member being slowed in movement by a high viscosity 10 grease, said grease being received in a second container within 11 which a piston slides or a propeller rotates, the piston or propel-12 ler being stressed by a contrast member directly or indirectly 13 connected to said pulling member. 14
- 2. (currently amended) The closing device defined in claim 1 wherein said contrast member is directly connected to the actuation member and the actuation member slides in a said guide of the closing device.
- 3. (currently amended) The closing device defined in
  claim 2 wherein said contrast member comprises a cursor pivoted on
  the actuation member and sliding in a longitudinal groove of a said

- 4 container of the closing device by means of protruding guiding
- 5 strips.
- 1 4. (currently amended) The closing device according to
- 2 claim 3 wherein the cursor is held in a said groove by a cover
- fastened to a said container and at least partly covering said
- 4 groove.
- (currently amended) A closing Closing device for 1 2 portions of pieces of furniture extractable from the a body of the piece of furniture through sliding guides (1, 4), said closing 3 device consisting of a container (6) adapted to be fastened to one 4 of the a fixed or a mobile portions of the guides, wherein there 5 are housed a mechanical energy accumulator (15) and an actuation 6 member (14) sliding into a guide of the container, and of a pulling 7 member (11) respectively fastened to the other side of the sliding 8 guides, which is stressed in the closing direction by the actuation 9 member in the proximity of the introduced portion of the extract-10 able portion of piece of furniture, characterized in that on a side 11 projecting part (51) of the container (6) there is applied an oil 12 deceleration device (50) of the type, which in the an action zone 13 of the closing device brakes a contrast member (55, 56) inte-14 grally connected the to pulling member (11). 15
- 6. (currently amended) Closing device according to claim 5, characterized in that the decelerator device (50) is

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- fastened through a cover (52) having upturned-U transversal section, that surrounds it, and is hooked through sprung tabs (53) to the edges (54) of recesses on the container (51) (6) of the closing device.
- 7. (original) Closing device according to claim 5,
  characterized in that the contrast member consists of an angled
  plate (55, 56) carrying on a side the pin (11) forming the pulling
  member and on the other side, two protruding parallel tab (57)
  arranged in symmetrical position with respect to the pulling pin
  (11).